(a) whether Government have conducted any experiment to use LPG in vehicles as an alternative of petrol;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that LPG can be used as fuel in vehicles; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to make its use in vehicles legal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) LPG is an established alternative and eco-friendly fuel for running vehicles. Government have already allowed the use of LPG as auto fuel in vehicles through LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001. In terms of this Order, the vehicle is to be fitted with a fixed auto LPG tank; replaceable cylinders being unsafe, are not permitted.

Hike in price of Gas

2285. DR.A.K. PATEL:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the Group of Ministers in respect of Gas price hike; and

(b) by when the Central Government will decide on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Group of Ministers (GoM) has not yet made its recommendations to the Government in respect of any Gas price hike.

(b) Does not arise

Operations of duty free shops of ITDC at airports

2286. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making an effort to clean up the operations of all its duty free shops run by ITDC at airports and other places in the country;